

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed change will remove a change of lease as a reason a residential care or assisted living facility must be re-licensed. Changes in the lease of property on which the facility is located do not impact the actual operation of the facility or the delivery of care to the residents. Changes in lease should not require re-licensure of the facility.

FISCAL NOTE

The Department's Division of Licensing and Certification receives an average of five re-licensure applications per year triggered by a change of lease with no other changes to the facility. The licensure process requires an average of 40-60 hours of the facility administrator's and staff time to complete as well as a \$500.00 fee for a building inspection. Facilities experiencing only a change in lease would be spared these expenses. For the Department's Licensing and Certification staff, the re-licensure process requires an average of 40-60 hours to complete. Re-licensure requires at least 3 staff members, the Residential Assisted Living Supervisor and 2 Health Facility Surveyors. By not requiring re-licensure for facilities experiencing only a change in lease, the Department would be able to invest the time and staff in other critical areas, such as complaint investigations and regular inspections.

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